Profits shown by departments of Super Bazar

733. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV: Will the minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the names of departments of Super Bazar which have shown profits during the last three years and the amount thereof, year-wise.

(b) which of the above departments were showing losses in the immediately preceding four years and the amount of losses, year-wise;

(c) what were the measures taken by Super Bazar to cross the loss line;

(d) whether it is a fact that most of the profits shown arc not real profits but arc the result of doctoring the balance sheets and whether Government propose to scrutinise the balance sheets; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM (SHRI VENOD SHARMA): (a) and (b) It has been reported by the Super Bazar that the prevailing accounting system of Super Bazar docs not facilitate working out department-wise profitability. However, the Super Bazar as a whole is running in profit continuously since 1972-73.

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Demand of coal for power plants

734. SHRI SARADA MOHANTY: Will the MINISTER OF COAL be pleased to state:

(a) what is the demand of coal received from each coalbascd power plant annually during the last three years;

(b) the actual suply of coal made to each coal-based power plant during these years;

(c) the steps taken to ensure the allotment of coal to each coal-based power plant according to their requirement; and

(d) the details thcrof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) and (b) The demand of coal, as assessed by the Central Electricity Authority (CEA) for each of the coal based power stations in the country and despatch of coal during each of the last three years is given in the Annexure. [Sec Appendix 175, annexure No. 17|

(c) and (d) The allotment of coal for each coal based power plant is given by the Standing Linkage Committee (Short-term) for thermal power stations based on the recommendations of the CEA and within the overall constraints of availability, transportation, unloading facility of the power station and timely payment for coal supplies.

Setting up of Brand Promotion Fund

735. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL. Will the Minister of COMMERCE fee pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have approved the setting up of a Rs 120 crore Brand Promotion Food for exports;

(b) if so, when the clearance of the Finance Ministry was given; who will manage the fund and ensure that it is not used for any direct expenses and administrative purposes; and

(c) whether it is a fact that the World Bank has decided not to continue a similar fund for India despite its huge success in marketing Indian goods abroad on indirect terms; if so, whether Government would be able to achieve the export target of $ 1 billion by the end of the century?